

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

a¹ [0012] Another embodiment of the invention is a thermoplastic composition comprising: a poly(arylene ether); a poly(alkenyl aromatic) resin; a polyolefin; a hydrogenated block copolymer of alkenyl aromatic compound and a conjugated diene, wherein the hydrogenated block copolymer has an alkenyl aromatic content of about 40 to about 90 weight percent; an unhydrogenated block copolymer of an alkenyl aromatic compound and a conjugated diene; and a polypropylene-polystyrene graft copolymer or ~~an unhydrogenated block copolymer of an alkenyl aromatic compound and a conjugated diene.~~

a² [0076] Preferred blending methods are described in detail in the co-filed U.S. Application Serial No. 09/682929 ~~[attorney docket number 08CN06031-2]~~. In a preferred embodiment, the components are blended in an extruder having at least two addition ports, with at least about 50%, preferably at least about 75%, more preferably all of the poly(arylene ether) added upstream, and at least about 50%, preferably at least about 75%, yet more preferably 100%, of the polyolefin added downstream. In another preferred embodiment, the components are blended using at least two mixing stages, comprising upstream mixing and downstream mixing, wherein the upstream mixing is high-energy mixing characterized by at least two mixing elements and/or a mixing section not less than about 1 inch in length. Downstream mixing may be either high-energy mixing as described above or low-energy mixing, depending on the composition and desired properties of the composition.